

Funding Options to Address Homelessness

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Federal	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	A program grant operated by HUD’s Office of Community Planning and Development that is designed to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, to make additional shelters available, to meet the costs of operating shelters, to provide essential social services to homeless individuals, and to help prevent homelessness. ESG also provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to persons at imminent risk of losing their own housing due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs.	Total Allocation: \$250M; Minimum allocation: \$69,167 Maximum allocation : \$12,649,583	https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/EmergencySolutionsGrantsProgramFactSheet.pdf	HUD	Street outreach, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, HMSI	Metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and State.	Moderate
Federal	The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	A HUD program that provides formula grants to states and units of local government that communities use – often in partnership with local nonprofit groups –to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.	States: \$3M; local: \$500,000	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/affordablehousing/programs/home/	HUD	Home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership	State and local and communities, including cities and counties	Low
Federal	Continuum of Care (CoC)	The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.	Varies	https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/	HUD	Permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, HMIS, and, in some cases, homelessness prevention. Administrative costs are eligible under all components.	State and local governments, nonprofit organizations	High

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Federal	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.	\$28.2 million in 2016	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs	HUD	Low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or where there is no funding to address a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.	Counties with fewer than 200,000 residents in unincorporated areas and cities with fewer than 50,000 residents that do not participate in the U.S. (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program.	High
Federal	Rapid-Rehousing (RRH)	Rapid rehousing programs help families and individuals living on the streets or in emergency shelters solve the practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing while reducing the amount of time they experience homelessness, avoiding a near-term return to homelessness, and linking to community resources that enable them to achieve housing stability in the long-term.	RRH is a practice funded through other grants like ESG or CoC	https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf	HUD	Provides temporary funding to shelter families and some individuals for short periods of time.	Local govern, nonprofit organizations serving the HUD non-entitlement areas, and with limitations, HUD entitlement cities and counties that receive HPRP funds directly from HUD.	Low
Federal	Section 202 (Supportive Housing for Elderly)	Provides grants for supportive housing for the elderly who are very low-income and at least 62 years old.	\$420 million	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/progdesc/eld202	HUD	Expands the supply of affordable housing with supportive services for the elderly, includes support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc.	Private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives.	Low
Federal	Section 811 (Supportive Housing for	Funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.	\$177 million	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/	HUD	Allows persons with disabilities to live as independently as	CA HCD and DHCS, who then allocate rental assistance to projects	Low

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	Disabilities)			housing/mfh/progdesc/disab811		possible by subsidizing rental housing opportunities which provide access to appropriate supportive services.	funded by tax credits, HOME funds, or other sources.	
Federal	Section 8 housing choice vouchers	Targets low-income families, seniors, and those with disabilities by providing a direct housing subsidy to landlords, with the enrollee paying any difference.	\$16.7 billion	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8	HUD	rental assistance and occasionally purchase of modest homes	Local Public Housing Agencies	High
Federal	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers	Combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans and case management and clinical services provided by their VA.	\$60 million nationwide in 2016	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash	HUD	Provides both rental assistance and medical services for veterans	Local Public Housing Agencies	Moderate
Federal	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grants	Federal block grant funds available through the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and the Center for Mental Health Services to support local programs for substance use disorders and mental illness	In 2016, CA received \$385,044,173 in block grant funds	www.samhsa.gov/grants-awards-by-state/California	SAMHSA	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI), Mental health, substance use treatment, and substance use prevention programs.	County Medicaid Programs/ County Mental Health Plans	High

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Federal	(SSVF) The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families	A nationwide program intended primarily to serve individuals experiencing crisis homelessness. This program provides temporary financial assistance and a range of other flexible services geared toward preventing homelessness among those at risk and rapidly stabilizing those who do become homeless in permanent housing. It is important to note that, despite its name, the program serves both families with children and individual veterans.	\$300M	http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp	Veterans Affairs (VA)	Rental Assistance, Utility Payments, Moving Costs (including bedding, utensils, other supplies) Supportive Services (including child care payments to licensed care providers), Housing Search/ Assistance/ Placement/ Relocation, Application and Brokerage Fees, Security Deposits, First/Last Month Rent, Tenant/ Landlord Services (includes legal services), Supportive Services (health, financial planning, transportation, etc.) Emergency Housing, Employment-Related Costs and Emergency Needs Special Provisions for Persons, Fleeing Domestic Violence	private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives who can provide supportive services to eligible populations	Low

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Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/CalWORKs	The primary goal for TANF in California -- called CalWORKs -- is to provide families in need with a combination of financial assistance and work opportunities so that they can eventually become independent		http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/programs/tanf	HHS/ACF	Supportive Services, Rental Assistance (including hotel and motel vouchers), Utility Payments, Moving Costs, Case Management, Financial Planning, Legal Services, Security Deposit/First/Last Month Rent, Housing Search Assistance/ Placement/ Relocation, Program Administration	State and tribal agencies (administered by Counties in CA)	Low
Federal	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP) /CalFresh	Provides EBT funds to qualified households and individuals for food items, previously called Food Stamps, called CalFresh in CA.		http://www.cdss.ca.gov/foodstamps/default.htm		Anti-hunger program	State and tribal agencies (administered by Counties in CA)	Moderate
Federal	Medicaid/Medicaid-Cal	Provides health care services to low-income individuals and families.	\$19.1 billion proposed for state budget	http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx	CA Dept. of Health Care Services	Recipients are eligible for health care, dental, and mental health services, including substance use disorder services	DHCS (administered by Counties in CA)	Low

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Federal	PSSF Promoting Safe and Stable Families) through Title IV-B funding	The discretionary fund activities funded by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Program are meant to develop a coordinated and integrated service system that builds on the strengths of families and communities	\$35 million allocated to California	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/pssf-program	HHS	Rental Assistance (time-limited and includes arrearage) Utility Payments	Child Welfare, Agencies and Eligible Indian Tribes	Low
State	Proposition 41 Veterans Housing Grants	Collaboration between California Department of Veteran Affairs, California Department of Housing and Community Development and California Housing Finance Agency to provide \$600 million in Proposition 41 general obligation bonds to fund affordable multifamily rental, supportive and transitional housing.	Goal is to award at least \$75 million annually	http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/veterans-housing-and-homelessness-prevention-program/	HCD	Acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable multifamily rental, supportive, and transitional housing with a focus on veterans experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness.	Sponsors and borrowing entities may be organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. Any public agency or private entity capable of entering into a contract is eligible to apply.	Low
State	Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partnership funding	Funds to provide all of the mental health services and supports a person wants and needs to reach his or her goals.	\$1.76 billion	http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/FSP_FAQs_04-17-09.pdf and http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/MH_Prop63.aspx	MHSA, DHCS	Provide all of the mental health services and supports a person wants and needs to reach his or her goals.	Counties and the 2 cities eligible for MHSA (Berkeley and Tri-City)	Low

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State	Mental Health Services Act Housing Program	Goal is to create 10,000 additional units of permanent supportive housing for individuals and their families who have a mental illness and are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.	Most recent info online shows a per unit loan limit of \$121,665.	http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/MHSAHousing.aspx	MHSA, DHCS, Cal HFA	Funding for development, acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals and their families who have a mental illness and are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.	Counties and the 2 cities eligible for MHSA (Berkeley and Tri-City)	Moderate
State	Mental Health Wellness Act (SB 82) Crisis Services Grants	A competitive grant program to disburse funds to California counties or to their nonprofit or public agency designees for the purpose of developing mental health crisis support programs.	\$31,775,383.62 available in most recent round of funding (3/16)	http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/imhwa/	CHFFA (authority under the STO)	Funding is limited to the following specific programs: crisis stabilization, crisis residential treatment, mobile crisis support teams, and peer respite. CHFFA is currently filing Peer Respite Care Program emergency regulations with the OAL and will become effective once approved.	Counties or their nonprofit or public agency designees	Low

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State	CalWORKs Housing Support Program	for CalWORKs homeless families. The major components include: housing identification, rent and moving assistance, and case management and services.	Most recent allocations here: http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/res/pdf/HSP/CountiesOperatingHSP.pdf , but up to \$3.5M for LA County	http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/PG3658.htm	DSS	housing identification, rent and moving assistance, and case management and services.	Counties	Low
State	CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program	Intensive case management and services to address immediate crisis situations.	?	http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/res/pdf/LegislativeHearings/CalWORKsOverview2-26-14.pdf	DSS	Intensive case management and barrier removal services to ensure a basic level of stability. Services are available to all family members, including children and unaided adults.	Counties	Low
State	CalWORKs One-Time Homeless Assistance	Provide temporary (2 week) motel stays for homeless families while we assist them in developing a longer-term housing plan.	?	http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/pdf/CW_AnnualSummary2016.pdf	DSS	Legislation increased the daily rate for temporary homeless assistance, redefined homelessness criteria to include families who receive a notice to pay rent or vacate, allowed up to two months of rent in arrears to prevent homelessness and allowed a higher rent threshold to secure permanent housing.	Counties	Low

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State	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	CDBG Partners with rural cities and counties to improve the lives of their low-and moderate-income residents through the creation and expansion of community and economic development opportunities in support of livable communities.	Each year, generally in January, the CDBG program releases one combined Notice of Funding Availability(NOFA)	http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/community-development-block-grant-program/	HCD	CDBG-eligible activities, including Community Development, Economic Development, and the Native American and Colonia Set-Asides.	Counties with fewer than 200,000 residents in unincorporated areas and cities with fewer than 50,000 residents that do not participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program.	High
State	State Emergency Solutions Grant Funds	Address homelessness as authorized under the federal HEARTH Act of 2009 and State program requirements. Uses HUD money, administered by the state. Some survey responses listed it as a separate source of funding. Looks like HCD is aligning the state program with the federal program.	Most recent round of awards here: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/emergency-solutions-grant-program/docs/esg-2016-nofa-awards-funding-list.pdf . Up to \$200,000.	http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/emergency-solutions-grant-program/	HCD	ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing Assistance, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs, and administrative activities, for some sub recipients.	The Department sub grants its funding to sub recipients in Continuum of Care service areas that have at least one jurisdiction that does not receive ESG funds directly from HUD (“Non entitlement”).	Low

*Other local sources: Public safety funding or resources, other city funds, outreach workers/case management staff, local sales and use tax, animal care and regulation, transit or transportation assistance, development fees and transient occupancy taxed. * The frequently used by counties/cities is categorized by the following: low (1%-40%); moderate (41%-70%); and high (71%-100%). Note the percentage is gathered by the amount of counties/cities using that service based on our survey results.